

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a current listing of claims and will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows:

1-74. (Canceled)

75. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving an audio signal;

recording said received audio signal to create an audio file;

storing said recorded audio file at a location accessible via a network;

associating the recorded audio file with an image file in a manner that makes the recorded audio file available for playback to a first given user when the first given user subsequently selects the image file via input received over the network;

receiving, from a first user, information indicating selection of said image file; and
responsive to the selection, automatically providing said associated stored audio file to the first user.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein said received audio signal includes a plurality of component audio signals.

77. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein said received audio signal corresponds to a second user's voice.

78. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 75, wherein the audio signal is received via a public telephone network, and wherein said ~~input received over the network~~ information indicating selection of said image file from said first user is input via a browser.

79. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein said audio signal is received from a second user, said method further comprising:

receiving an indication from said second user that said recorded audio file is approved, wherein said storing is performed in response to said recorded audio file being approved.

80. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 79, further comprising:
reproducing said recorded audio file prior to said receiving said indication from said second user that said recorded audio file is approved.
81. (Previously Presented) The method claim 80, wherein said reproducing said recorded audio file includes playing back said recorded audio file.
82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 79, further comprising:
editing said recorded audio file prior to said receiving said indication from said second user that said recorded audio file is approved.
- 83-84. (Canceled)
85. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein said audio signal is received from a second user, said method further comprising:
obtaining profile information from said second user; and
storing at least a portion of the obtained information in a user profile.
86. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein said audio signal is received from a second user, said method further comprising;
billing said second user for said storing said recorded audio file.
87. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, further comprising:
providing an indication of said location of said stored audio file, wherein said indication is usable to access said stored audio file.
88. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 87, wherein said audio signal is received from a second user, wherein said indication is provided to said second user.
89. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 87, wherein said indication is provided to said first user.

90. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 88, wherein said indication is provided to said first user.
91. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 87, wherein said providing the indication of said location of said stored audio file includes posting said indication of the location of said stored audio file on an Internet website.
92. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 87, wherein said indication is provided via a telephone network.
93. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 87, wherein said indication is provided via fax.
94. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 87, wherein said indication is provided via email.
95. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 87, wherein said indication is a link indicative of said location of the recorded audio file.
96. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 87, wherein said providing the indication of said location of said stored audio file includes:
- including a link to the stored audio file in a second file; and
 - transmitting the second file to said first user.
97. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 75, wherein said automatically providing includes downloading the associated stored audio file to ~~further comprising receiving a request from said first user to download said stored audio file.~~
98. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 75, wherein said automatically providing includes playing back the associated stored audio file to ~~further comprising receiving a request from said first user to play back said stored audio file.~~
99. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, further comprising:
- making a determination regarding the quality of the recorded audio file.

100. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 99, wherein said audio signal is received from a second user, and wherein said determination regarding the quality of recorded audio file is based upon information received from said second user.

101. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, further comprising:
making a determination regarding the content of the recorded audio file.

102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 101, wherein said audio signal is received from a second user, and wherein said determination regarding the content of the recorded audio file is based upon information received from said second user.

103. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 100, further comprising:
making a determination regarding the content of the recorded audio file.

104. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 103, wherein said determination regarding said quality and said determination regarding said content of the recorded audio file ~~is~~ are based upon information received from said second user.

105. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a processor subsystem; and

a memory coupled to the processor subsystem, wherein the memory is configured to store program instructions executable by the processor subsystem to:

receive an audio signal;

record said received audio signal to create an audio file;

store said recorded audio file at a location accessible via a network;

associate the recorded audio file with an image file in a manner that makes the recorded audio file available for playback to a first given user when the first given user subsequently selects the image file via input received over the network;

receive, from a first user, information indicating selection of said image file; and

responsive to the selection, automatically provide said associated stored audio file to the first user.

106. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 105, wherein said received audio signal includes a plurality of component audio signals.

107. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 105, wherein said received audio signal corresponds to said a second user's voice.

108. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 105, wherein the audio signal is received via a public telephone network, and wherein said ~~input~~ information indicating selection of said image file is received ~~over the network~~ from said first user ~~is~~ via a browser.

109. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 105, wherein said program instructions are further executable to:

provide an indication of said location of said stored audio file, wherein said indication is usable for accessing said stored audio file.

110. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 105, wherein said program instructions are further executable to:

make a determination regarding the content of the recorded audio file.

111. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 110, wherein said audio signal is received from a second user, and wherein said determination regarding the content of the recorded audio file is based upon information received from said second user.

112. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 105, wherein said audio signal is received from a second user, and wherein said program instructions are further executable to:

provide ~~a given~~ the first user access to said associated stored audio file via the Internet in response to ~~said given~~ the first user issuing a request corresponding to a link supplied by said second user.

113. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 105, wherein said program instructions executable to automatically provide said associated stored audio file to said first user are executable to download said associated stored audio file to ~~a requesting~~ the first user.

114. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 105, wherein said program instructions executable to automatically provide said associated stored audio file to said first user are executable to play back said stored audio file to ~~a requesting~~ the first user.

115-144. (Canceled)

145. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein said recorded audio file is accessible via the Internet to any user specifying a first resource identifier corresponding to said location.

146. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 145, wherein the first resource identifier is a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

147. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 85, wherein said profile information includes information specifying that said recorded audio file be associated with said image file.

148. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 75, wherein said image file is a photograph.

149. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 105, wherein said recorded audio file is accessible via the Internet to any user specifying a first resource identifier corresponding to said location.

150. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 149, wherein the first resource identifier is a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

151. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 105, wherein said program instructions are executable to associate the recorded audio file with the image file using profile information for said recorded audio file that specifies said image file.

152. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 105, wherein said image file is a photograph.

153. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media storing program instructions that are computer executable to:

receive an audio signal;

record said received audio signal to create an audio file;

store said recorded audio file at a location accessible via a network;

associate the recorded audio file with an image file in a manner that makes the recorded audio file available for playback to a first given user when the first given user subsequently selects the image file via input received over the network;

receive, from a first user, information indicating selection of said image file; and

responsive to said selection, automatically provide said associated stored audio file to the first user.

154. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 153, wherein said received audio signal includes a plurality of component audio signals.

155. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 153, wherein said received audio signal corresponds to a second user's voice.

156. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable media of claim 153, wherein the audio signal is received via a public telephone network, and wherein said information indicating selection of said image file is input received ~~over the network~~ from said first user is via a browser.

157. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 153, wherein said program instructions are further executable to:

provide an indication of said location of said stored audio file, wherein said indication is usable for accessing said stored audio file.

158. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable media of claim 153, wherein said audio signal is received from a second user, and wherein said program instructions are further executable to:

provide ~~a given~~ the first user access to said stored audio file via the Internet in response to ~~said given~~ the first user issuing a request corresponding to a link supplied by said second user.

159. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable media of claim 153, wherein said program instructions executable to automatically provide said associated stored audio file are executable to download-said associated stored audio file to ~~a requesting~~ the first user.

160. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable media of claim 153, wherein said program instructions executable to automatically provide said associated stored audio file are executable to play back said associated stored audio file to ~~a requesting~~ the first user.

161. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 153, wherein said recorded audio file is accessible via the Internet to any user specifying a first resource identifier corresponding to said location.

162. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 161, wherein the first resource identifier is a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

163. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 153, wherein said program instructions are executable to associate the recorded audio file with the image file using profile information for said recorded audio file that specifies said image file.

164. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable media of claim 153, wherein said image file is a photograph.

165. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving an audio signal from a first user;

recording said received audio signal to create an audio file;

prior to receiving an indication from the first user that the recorded audio file is approved:

receiving an updated audio signal from the first user; and

recording said updated audio signal to create an updated audio file;

receiving an indication from said first user that said recorded updated audio file is approved;

in response to said updated recorded audio file being approved, storing said updated recorded audio file at a location accessible via a network; and

associating the recorded audio file with an image file in a manner that makes the updated recorded audio file available for playback to a second user when the second user subsequently selects the image file via input received over the network.

166. (New) The method of claim 165, further comprising:

receiving, from the second user, information indicating selection of said image file; and

responsive to the selection, automatically providing said associated stored audio file to the second user.

167. (New) The method of claim 166, wherein said automatically providing includes transmitting the associated stored audio file to the second user.

168. (New) The method of claim 166, wherein said automatically providing includes playing back the associated stored audio file to the second user.